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No Prior Experience Necessary! Conference Takes Common(ers) Approach to Regional Planning

(Washington, DC) On October 6th, an estimated one thousand participants from across the Capitol Region will come together with a common concern in mind. This isn't the Battle in Seattle or a rally to end world hunger. This is something that hits far closer to home – traffic, housing, jobs and air quality.

October 6th the Washington Metropolitan Conference on Transit and Livability will look at the issues people care about most – the issues that affect them, their families, and their health on a daily basis – and how linking transit with land use planning can help address them.

The goal is to identify common concerns and define goals for efficient land use and transportation on a regional basis. Like it or not, land use and transportation are intricately connected. A poor land use-transportation connection impacts the economy, public health (especially children and seniors), access to jobs and education, housing, and the environment. An intelligent land use-transportation connection benefits us all.

This conference is for everyone – ordinary citizens, business and community leaders, and elected officials. Rub shoulders with those in the know, or come to learn more – then join in a reception to review the dozens of projects planned or underway in transit-rich areas all around the region.

Participants can register on-line at www.railvolution.com or call the contacts below. The cost is \$25.

What **Washington Metropolitan Conference on Transit and Livability**

When Sunday, October 6, 2002.
Opening speaker Noon-2pm
Conference 2pm-5:30pm
Reception 6-7pm

Where Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington DC
(Woodley Park Metro station)

Registration \$25; register online at <http://www.railvolution.com>

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Additional info: <http://www.railvolution.com/extras.html#regionalconference>